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THE CHARTER OF His MAJESTY King *GEORGE* II.

For ERECTING and ENDOWING

St. *Patrick*'s Hospital.

Founded by the LAST WILL

OF THE

Reverend Doctor JONATHAN SWIFT.

Late Dean of St. *Patrick's DUBLIN*;

For the RECEPTION of

Ideots, Lunaticks, and *Incurables.*

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THE CHARTER OF King *GEORGE* II. &c.

GEORGE the Second by the Grace of GOD of *Great-Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. TO ALL Perſons to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come Greeting. FOR AS MUCH as we have received Information by our Right Truſty and Right Well-beloved Couſin and Counſellor *Philip* Earl of *CHESTERFIELD*, Our Lieutenant-General and General-Governor of our Kingdom of *Ireland*; That Doctor *Jonathan Swift*, late Dean of our Cathedral of Saint *Patrick*, *Dublin*, deceaſed; being poſſeſſed of a conſiderable perſonal Eſtate, by his laſt Will and Teſtament in Writing, bearing Date the Third Day of *May*, One thouſand Seven hundred and Forty, appointed our Right Truſty and Well-beloved Counſellor *Henry Singleton*, Eſq; now Chief Juſtice of our Court of Common Pleas, then our Prime Serjeant at Law; our Truſty and Well-beloved *Eaton Stannard*, Eſq; Recorder of our City of *Dublin*; our Truſty and Well-beloved

The Subſtance of the laſt Will of Dr. *Swift*.

Names of the Executors.

Patrick Delany, Doctor in Divinity; our Truſty and Well-beloved *James Stopford*, Doctor in Divinity, Vicar of *Finglaſs*; our Truſty and Well-beloved *James King*, Doctor in Divinity, Prebendary of *Tipper*; our Truſty and Well-beloved *John Grattan*, Clerk, late Prebendary of *Clonmethan*; and our Truſty and Well-beloved *Alexander Mc Aulay*, of the City of *Dublin*, Eſq; with certain other Perſons ſince deceaſed, his Executors; and bequeathed to his Executors his whole Eſtate and Effects, excepting ſome ſmall pecuniary and ſpecifick Legacies, upon Truſt and to the Intent and Purpoſe that they ſhould lay out the ſame in purchaſing Lands of Inheritance in Fee-Simple, ſituate in any Province of *Ireland*, (excepting *Conaught*) but as near to the City of *Dublin* as conveniently might be found, and not incumbered with or ſubject to any Leaſes for Lives renewable, or for any Terms for Years longer than Thirty-one; and that the yearly Profits of ſuch Lands, when purchaſed, and until ſuch Purchaſe ſhould be made, the yearly Income of his Effects, bequeathed to his Executors as aforeſaid, ſhould be laid out in purchaſing a Piece of Ground ſituate near Doctor *Stephens*'s Hoſpital, which is ſituate in the Suburbs of the City of *Dublin* aforeſaid; or if it could not be there had, ſituate ſomewhere in or near the ſaid City of *Dublin*; and in building thereon an Hoſpital large enough for the Reception of as many Ideots and Lunaticks as the annual Income of the ſaid Lands and Effects ſhould be ſufficient to maintain. And the ſaid Teſtator, by his ſaid Will directed, that the ſaid Hoſpital ſhould be called,

Powers given by the Teſtator; with ſuch Reſtrictions as he thought neceſſary.

SAINT PATRICK's HOSPITAL;

The Name, Situation, and Form of the Hoſpital.

And that the ſame ſhould be built in ſuch a Manner, that another Building might be added thereto, in caſe the Indowment thereof ſhould be inlarged; ſo that the additional Building may make the whole

Edifice

Edifice regular and compleat: And that when the ſaid Hoſpital ſhould be built, the whole yearly Income of the ſaid Lands and Eſtate ſhould, forever thereafter, be laid out in providing Victuals, Cloathing, Medicines, Attendance, and all other Neceſſaries for ſuch Ideots and Lunaticks as ſhould be received into the ſame; and in repairing and inlarging the Building from Time to Time, as there ſhould be Occaſion. And if a ſufficient Number of Ideots and Lunaticks ſhould not be readily found, he directed that Incurables ſhould be taken into the ſaid Hoſpital to ſupply ſuch Deficiency; but that no Perſon labouring under any infectious Diſeaſe, ſhould be admitted into the ſame. And that all ſuch Ideots, Lunaticks, and Incurables, as ſhould be received into the ſaid Hoſpital, ſhould live and reſide therein conſtantly as well in the Night as in the Day. And that the Salaries of Agents, Receivers, Officers, Servants, and Attendants, to be employed in the Buſineſs of the ſaid Hoſpital, ſhould not in the Whole exceed One Fifth Part of the clear yearly Income or Revenue thereof. And the ſaid Teſtator further directed, that his Executors ſhould not have Power to demiſe any Part of the Lands to be purchaſed as aforeſaid, but with the Conſent of the Lord Primate, the Lord Chancellor, the Lord Archbiſhop of *Dublin*, the Dean of Chriſt-Church, the Dean of Saint Patrick's, the Phyſician to the State, and the Surgeon General, all for the Time being, or the greater Part of them under their Hands in Writing.

For Ideots and Lunaticks.

Incurables to be taken in.

The Titles of the ſeven additional Truſtees.

And that no Leaſes of any Part of the ſaid Lands ſhould ever be made, other than for Years not exceeding thirty-one in Poſſeſſion, and not in Reverſion or Remainder; and not diſpuniſhable of Waſte; whereon ſhould be reſerved the beſt and moſt improved Rents that might reaſonably and moderately,

How Leaſes ſhall be made.

moderately, without racking the Tenants, be gotten for the ſame; without Fine; and that no Leaſe of any Part of the ſaid Lands ſhould ever be made to, or in Truſt for any Perſon any way concerned in the Execution of that Truſt; or to, or in Truſt for any Perſon any way related or allied either by Conſanguinity or Affinity to any of the Perſons who ſhould then be concerned in the Execution of that Truſt; and that if any Leaſes ſhould happen to be made, contrary to his Intention above expreſſed, the ſame ſhould be utterly void. And the ſaid Teſtator, by his ſaid Will, further directed, That until the Charter therein after mentioned ſhould be obtained, his Executors ſhould not act in the Execution of the ſaid Truſt but with the Conſent and Approbation of the ſaid ſeven additional Truſtees, or the greater Part of them, under their Hands in Writing; and ſhould, with ſuch Conſent and Approbation as aforeſaid, have Power to make Rules, Orders, and Regulations, for the Government and Direction of the ſaid Hoſpital. And the ſaid Teſtator, by his ſaid Will, requeſted his Executors to apply to us in convenient Time for a Charter to Incorporate them, or ſuch of them as ſhould be then living, and the ſaid additional Truſtees, for the better Management and Conduct of the ſaid Charity; with a Power to purchaſe Lands, and to ſupply by Election ſuch Vacancies happening in the Corporation as ſhould not be ſupplied by Succeſſion; and ſuch other Powers as might be thought expedient for the due Execution of the ſaid Truſt. And he further directed, That, when ſuch Charter as aforeſaid ſhould be obtained, his Executors, the Survivors or Survivor of them, or the Heirs of ſuch Survivor, ſhould convey to the Uſe of ſuch Corporation in Fee Simple for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, all ſuch Lands as ſhould be purchaſed in Manner abovementioned.

The Executors not to act without the Approbation of the additional Truſtees.

To obtain a Charter for incorporating themtogether with the additional Truſtees.

To the Intent therefore that the ſaid Charity may be duly conducted in all ſucceeding Generations, and the pious Deſign of the ſaid Teſtator the more effectually carried on: KNOW YE, That we of our eſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, by, and with the Advice and Conſent of the moſt Reverend Father in GOD our right truſty and right intirely beloved Counſellor, *John*, Archbiſhop of *Armagh*, Primate of all *Ireland*; and our right truſty and well beloved Counſellors, *Robert*, Baron *Newport*, of *Newport*, our Chancellor of our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*; and *Henry Boyle*, Eſq; Speaker of our Houſe of Commons in our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, our Juſtices General, and General Governors of our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*; and according to the Tenor and Effect of our Letters under our Privy Signet and Sign *Manual*, bearing Date at our Court at Saint *James*'s the ſeventh Day of *May* One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Forty-ſix, in the nineteenth Year of our Reign; and now inrolled in the Rolls of our high Court of Chancery in our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*; HAVE granted, ordained, declared, conſtituted, and appointed, and we do, by theſe Preſents, for Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, grant, ordain, declare, conſtitute, and appoint, that the Archbiſhop of *Armagh* for the Time Being; our right truſty and well beloved Counſellor, *Robert*, Baron *Newport* of *Newport*, our Chancellor of our ſaid Kingdom, and the Chancellor or Keeper of our Great Seal of our ſaid Kingdom for the Time Being; the moſt Reverend Father in God our right truſty and right intirely beloved Counſellor, *Charles*, Archbiſhop of *Dublin*, and the Archbiſhop of *Dublin* for the Time Being; the Right Reverend Father in God, *Thomas*, Biſhop of *Kildare*, Dean of our Cathedral of *Chriſt-Church*, and the Dean of *Chriſt-Church* for the Time Being; the Dean of

His Majeſty's Royal Grant.

The Members of the Corporation 14 in Number.

our

our Cathedral of Saint *Patrick*'s, *Dublin*, for the Time Being; *Robert Robinſon*, Eſq; our State Phyſician, and State Phyſician of our ſaid Kingdom for the Time Being; *John Nicholls*, Eſq; our Surgeon General, and our Surgeon General of our ſaid Kingdom for the Time Being; and the ſaid *Henry Singleton*, our Chief Juſtice of our Court of *Common Pleas* in our ſaid Kingdom; *Eaton Stannard*, Recorder of the City of *Dublin*; *Patrick Delany*, Doctor in Divinity; *James Stopford*, Doctor in Divinity, Vicar of *Finglaſs*; *James King*, Doctor in Divinity, Prebendary of *Tipper*; *John Grattan*, Clerk, late Prebendary of *Clonmethan*; and *Alexander M'Aulay*; and ſuch others as ſhall from Time to Time be nominated and elected to ſupply Vacancies in Manner herein after mentioned; ſhall be from henceforth one Body Politick and Corporate, and to have Continuance for ever by the Name of the GOVERNORS OF SAINT PATRICK'S HOSPITAL, DUBLIN, and that, by the ſame Name they ſhall have perpetual Succeſſion, and that they and their Succeſſors by that Name, ſhall be able and capable, in Law, to purchaſe and take to them and their Succeſſors, in Fee Simple, any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, not exceeding in the Whole the clear yearly Value of Two Thouſand Pounds Sterling; and further, that they may take and receive any Sum or Sums of Money, Goods, Chattels, or perſonal Eſtate whatſoever, that ſhall to them be given, granted, or bequeathed, the yearly Rents and Profits of ſuch Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, and the yearly Intereſt and Income of ſuch perſonal Eſtate, until the ſame be laid out in purchaſing real Eſtate of Inheritance in Fee Simple; to be by them expended for the Uſes and Purpoſes of the ſaid Will.

The Name of the Corporation; and to have perpetual Succeſſion.

Enabled to purchaſe 2000*l.* a Year.

AND our Will and Pleaſure is, that the Executors abovenamed, or the Survivors or Survivor of them, or the Executors of ſuch Survivor, ſhall grant and aſſign to the ſaid Corporation the Reſidue of the Effects, bequeathed to them as aforeſaid, that ſhall remain in their Hands, after diſcharging thereout the Funeral Expences and Debts of the ſaid Teſtator, and ſuch Legacies as by the Intention of the Teſtator are to be thereout diſcharged, together with their neceſſary Expences and Diſburſements in the Execution of the ſaid Will: ſuch Reſidue and the Intereſt and the Income thereof, to be laid out by the ſaid Corporation, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the ſaid Will.

The Executors to aſſign all the Effects of Dr. *Swift*. to the Corporation.

AND we do hereby grant and ordain, that the ſaid Corporation by the Name aforeſaid, ſhall be able and capable, in Law, to ſue and be ſued, plead and be impleaded, in any of our Courts, and other Places whatſoever, and before any Judge, Judges, or Juſtices whatſoever, in all Manner of Suits, Complaints, Pleas, Cauſes, Matters, and Demands of whatſoever Kind, Nature, or Form they be, and all other Matters and Things, to do in as full, ample, and effectual Manner, as any other Body Politick or Corporate within our Realm of *Ireland* may, or can do.

The Corporation capable to ſue and be ſued, &c.

AND we do hereby give and grant to the ſaid Corporation to have a common Seal, with ſuch Stamp and Inſcription to be made and ingraved thereon as they ſhall think proper; and that it ſhall be lawful for them and their Succeſſors to change, break, alter, and renew the ſame at their Pleaſure.

To have a Common Seal.

AND for the better conducting the ſaid Charity, we ordain and appoint, that the ſaid Corporation ſhall have four quarterly Meetings of the Members thereof,

To hold four Quarterly Meetings.

thereof; that is to ſay, upon the firſt *Mondays* in *May*, *Auguſt*, *November*, and *February*, in every Year in all future Times at ſuch Place or Places in the City or Suburbs of *Dublin*, as they or the greater Part of them ſhall think proper; and may have ſuch other general Meetings and at ſuch Times and Places as the greater Part of the Members of the ſaid Corporation ſhall from Time to Time think fit to appoint: And whatever ſhall be done at any general Meeting of the ſaid Corporation by the greater Part of the Members then and there convened, (ſuch greater Part not being leſs than Three in Number) ſhall be, and ſhall be deemed and taken to be, the Act of the whole Corporation, and ſhall be as valid to all Intents and Purpoſes as if all the Members thereof were preſent and conſenting thereto, (the making of Leaſes, and Election of Members, only excepted).

On the firſt Monday in *November* yearly to elect a Treaſurer, Secretary and other Officers, who are to be ſworn.

And that the ſaid Corporation, at their Firſt general Meeting, ſhall elect a Treaſurer, Secretary, and ſuch other Officers as they ſhall find needful, to continue until the Firſt *Monday* in *November* next thereafter, and until others be choſen to ſucceed them; and that at the Time of ſuch Election, an Oath ſhall be adminiſtred by any Member of the Corporation, who ſhall be appointed for that Purpoſe by the Majority of the Members then and there aſſembled, to ſuch Treaſurer, Secretary, and other Officers, for the due and faithful Execution of their reſpective Offices; which Oath ſuch Member ſo appointed as aforeſaid, is hereby impowered to adminiſter.

And we do further direct and appoint, that at the General Quarterly Meeting of the ſaid Corporation, to be held upon the firſt *Monday* in *November*, in all future Time, there ſhall be a new Election

tion of Perſons to ſerve in the reſpective Offices aforeſaid, or the former Officers continued, as ſhall be thought moſt convenient; and, at every ſuch new Election, ſuch Oath as aforeſaid ſhall be adminiſtered, in Manner abovementioned, to the Officer or Officers ſo elected or continued; and the ſaid Corporation are hereby impowered, at any general Meeting to remove any of their Officers for Miſdemeanors; and upon the Death or Removal of any of them, to chooſe others to ſucceed in their Places.

The ſaid Officers to be removed for Miſdemeanors.

And to the Intent that the ſaid Corporation may have perpetual Succeſſion, and that their preſent Number may for ever hereafter be ſupplied, kept up and preſerved, we do ordain, grant, and appoint, that whenſoever any Member thereof ſhall happen to die, the Survivors of the Perſons conſtituting the ſaid Corporation, ſhall remain incorporate by the Name aforeſaid, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as if all the Members thereof had continued. And upon the Death of any Member (other than the Lord Primate, Lord Chancellor or Keeper of the Great Seal of *Ireland*, Lord Archbiſhop of *Dublin*, Dean of *Chriſt-Church*, Dean of Saint *Patrick*'s, State Phyſician, and Surgeon General of *Ireland*, all for the Time Being) ſome fit Perſon, whoſe moſt uſual Place of Reſidence for three Years at the leaſt then next preceding, has been in the City or Suburbs of *Dublin*, ſhall, in convenient Time, at a general Meeting of the ſaid Corporation, be elected in the Room and Place of ſuch Member ſo dying by the greater Part of the Members then and there convened; ſuch greater Part not being leſs than ſeven; whereof the Lord Primate, Lord Chancellor, or Archbiſhop of *Dublin*, for the Time Being, to be always one.

The Corporation to be perpetual.

Upon the Death of any Member (except the additional Truſtees) a new one to be choſen at a general Meeting.

Leaſes to be made only at quarterly Meetings, and with the expreſs Conſent of the additional Truſtees.

AND our Will and Pleaſure is, that all Leaſes, to be made by the ſaid Corporation, of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, ſhall be made at ſome one of their quarterly Meetings, by the greater Part of the Members then preſent, and alſo with the Conſent and Approbation of the Lord Primate, Lord Chancellor, Archbiſhop of *Dublin*, Dean of *Chriſt-Church*, Dean of Saint *Patrick*'s, our State Phyſician, and Surgeon General of *Ireland*, for the Time Being, or the greater Part of them; under their Hands in Writing, indorſed upon every ſuch Leaſe: And that every ſuch Leaſe ſhall be of Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, in Poſſeſſion, and not in Reverſion or Remainder; and ſhall be made for a Term not exceeding Thirty One Years; and not diſpuniſhable of, or for any Manner of Waſte; and upon every ſuch Leaſe there ſhall be reſerved the beſt yearly Rent, that can reaſonably be had or gotten for the Premiſſes thereby demiſed; without any Fine to be had or taken for the ſame: And that no ſuch Leaſe ſhall at any Time be made to, or in Truſt for any Perſon who ſhall at the Time of the making thereof be a Member of the ſaid Corporation, or any way related or allied, either by Conſanguinity or Affinity to any Perſon who ſhall then be a Member of the ſame; or to, or in Truſt for any Perſon who ſhall then be Treaſurer or Secretary of the ſaid Corporation, or bear any other Office under the ſame, or be any way related or allied either by Conſanguinity or Affinity to any ſuch Officer.

No Leaſe to be made to, or in Truſt for, any Member, or Officer, or Relation to any Member or Officer of the Corporation.

Leaſes made otherwiſe to be invalid.

AND we will and ordain, that all Leaſes which ſhall be made by the ſaid Corporation, according to the true Intent and Meaning of theſe Preſents, ſhall be good and valid; and that all Leaſes or Writings, purporting to be Leaſes, or Agreements for

for Leaſes of any Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, belonging to the ſaid Corporation, that ſhall be contrary, in any Reſpect, to the true Intent and Meaning hereof, ſhall be abſolutely void and of no Effect.

Rules and Orders to be made at the quarterly Meetings.

And we do hereby for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, grant unto the Corporation at their ſaid quarterly Meetings, in all future Time, and at no other Meetings, full Power to make ſuch Rules and Ordinances, and, from Time to Time, to alter the ſame, as they ſhall think proper for the good Government of the ſaid Corporation, and Management of the Affairs thereof, and to give ſuch Inſtructions, Directions, and Salaries, as they ſhall judge reaſonable, to their Treaſurer, Secretary, and ſuch other Officers as they ſhall think fit to employ.

The ſame to be approved of by the Lord Chief Juſtice of the King's Bench, or of the Common Pleas, or by the Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer.

Provided that ſuch Rules, Ordinances, Inſtructions, and Directions, be not repugnant to the Laws then in Force within our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, nor contrary to the Intention of the ſaid Teſtator expreſſed in the ſaid Will as herein above recited; and that the ſame be approved of and confirmed by the Lord Chief Juſtice of our Court of *Chief Place*, or of Court of *Common Pleas* in *Ireland*, or by the Lord Chief Baron of our Court of *Exchequer* in our ſaid Kingdom for the Time being.

Salaries not to exceed one fifth Part of the yearly Income.

And provided that the ſaid Salaries of Officers to be employed by the ſaid Corporation, ſhall not in the Whole, at any Time, exceed one Fifth Part of the clear yearly Profits, Intereſt, and Produce, of the real and perſonal Eſtate to them at that Time belonging.

Seven Members to form a Committee, who are to meet the first *Tueſday* in every Month.

And we do hereby further ordain and direct, that the ſaid Corporation do, at their firſt general Meeting, nominate and appoint Seven of their Members to be a Committee, to meet upon the firſt *Tueſday* in every Month or oftner, as Need ſhall require. And the ſaid Committee, or any Three or more of them, are hereby impowered to carry into Execution, all ſuch Rules, Ordinances, Inſtructions, and Directions, as ſhall from Time to Time be made and confirmed in Manner abovementioned; ſuch Committee to continue till the firſt *Monday* in *November* next following the firſt ſaid Meeting of the ſaid Corporation; at which Time, and on every firſt *Monday* in *November* yearly, the ſaid Corporation ſhall nominate Seven of their Members to be a Committee for one Year then next enſuing, for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

All future Gifts or Bequeſts to be laid out in purchaſing Lands, unleſs otherwiſe directed by the Donor.

Provided always, and we do hereby expreſsly declare our Royal Will and Pleaſure to be, that it ſhall not be lawful for the ſaid Corporation at any Time, by any Act of theirs, to diminiſh their annual Income, whether the ſame ſhall ariſe from real or perſonal Eſtate, but that they ſhall at all Times confine their annual Expences and Diſburſements to to their annual Income. And whatſoever Sums of Money ſhall come to them by Gift or Bequeſt, ſhall, in convenient Time, be lent out at Intereſt, or laid out, from Time to Time, in purchaſing Lands, Tenements, or Hereditaments, until ſuch Time as their clear yearly Income ſhall amount to Two Thouſand Pounds Sterling, unleſs the Diſpoſal of ſuch Money be otherwiſe directed by the Donor.

And laſtly, we do declare and ordain that theſe our Letters Patent and Charter, and every Clauſe, Sentence,

Sentence, and Article herein, or the Inrollment hereof, to be made in our High Court of *Chancery*, in our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, ſhall be in all Things firm, valid, ſufficient, and effectual in the Law, unto the ſaid Corporation, according to the Purport and Tenor hereof, without any further Grant, Licence, or Toleration from us, our Heirs or Succeſſors, to be procured or obtained.

PROVIDED always, that theſe our Letters Patent be inrolled in the Rolls of our High Court of *Chancery* in our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, within the Space of ſix Months next enſuing the Date of theſe Preſents. IN WITNESS whereof we have cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patent. WITNESS our aforeſaid Juſtices General, and General Governors of our ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, at *Dublin*, the eighth Day of *Auguſt*, in the twentieth Year of our Reign.

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Examined by *Edward Madden*,
Deputy Clerk of the Crown
and Hanaper.

Inrolled in the Office of the Rolls of his Majeſty's High Court of *Chancery* in *Ireland*, the fourteenth Day of *Auguſt*, in the twentieth Year of the Reign of King GEORGE the ſecond, and examined by

William Deane, Dep. Clerk of the Rolls.

FINIS.